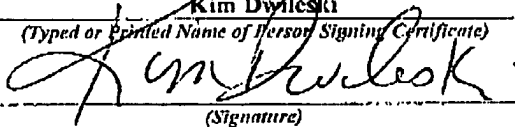


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**SPECIES RESTRICTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This communication responds to the Restriction mailed September 1, 2004 and includes a preliminary amendment.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION WITH SPECIES ELECTION**

In response to the species restriction requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species 4: described in figure 5, with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the species of the entire application could be made without serious burden. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and the examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Claims 1, 4-5, 10-12, 23-24, and 47-67 read on the elected species. Claim 1 is generic to claims 4, 11, 16, 20, 49, and 63-66.